

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

**In re Application of:
Chesser, et al.**

Serial No.: 08/869,109

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For: Controlled Hydration of Starch §
in High Density Brine Dispersion §



Group Art Unit: 1721

Examiner: C. H. Kelly

Atty. Docket: B154-9245C-US

RESPONSE TO FINAL ACTION

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

This paper is filed in response to the office action mailed February 9, 2000.

AMENDMENTS

Claim 21, line 1, please delete "15" and insert therefor --14--.

Claim 22, line 1, please delete 16 and insert therefor --15--.

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REMARKS

Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. § 103

The examiner maintains the rejection of claims 1-3, 7, 9, 14-16, 21-23, 26, 27, 29-41 and 42-65 as obvious over GB 2084586 (the “GB reference”).